Breader Test Reactor at Kalpakkam. The research reactor PURNIMA-I which became critical in 1972 was the first Indian Reactor to use plutonium as fuel. Plutonium has been found to a highly efficient fuel for the next generation Fast Breeder Reactors which are likely to be introduced in a major way during the early part of next century.

Production of Pesticides

@2049. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of pesticides manufactured in the country by Multinational companies during 1989-90 and 1990-91, together with names of the companies and quantum of production;

(b) the quantity produced by Indian Companies during the same period; and

(c) the quantity imported during the same period together with its value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Approximate total quantities of pesticides produced in the country duirng 1989-90 and 1990-91 are 65,800 MT and 72,000 MT. Other information/data are not available. Since a large number of units/companies will be involved, it is considered that the time and effort involved in the collection/compilation of data will noot be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Technical persons in drugs & Pharmaceutical Wing

2050 SHRIMATI RATNA KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refers to the answer to Unstarred Question 1662 in the Rajya Sabha on 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the total number of technical persons in the department concerned with Drugs and Pharmaceutical Wing;

(b) what is the qualification of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that industrial policy has been liberalised and span of price control is being reduced;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to reduce the staff in the context of new developments;

(e) whether it is fact that Government have received a number of complaints against certain technical officers;

(f) if so, what are the details of complaints received against each of those officers;

(g) when each complaint was received and what is the present position;

(h) whether it is a fact that some of the technical officers are directly and indirectly connected with the dealership and distributorship of drug companies and the interest was acquired after joining the service; and

(i) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) At present there are 8 technical persons in the Department concerned with drugs and Pharmaceuticals wing who possess the requisite qualification as required for the posts under the recruitment rules.

(c) Drug Policy 1986 alongwith DPCO 1987 is still under review.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) to (i) There has been a complaint against the then Asstt. Development Commissioner (Drugs) which is still under examination and the final decision is yet to be taken.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1495, transferred from the 6th December, 1991.